



## **H.Con.Res. 132 - Recognizing the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo**

### **Floor Situation**

H.Con.Res. 132 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Joe Baca (D-CA) on April 26, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, but was not considered.

H.Con.Res. 132 is expected to be considered on the floor on May 1, 2007.

### **Summary**

H.Con.Res. 132 resolves, with the House of Representatives and Senate concurring, that Congress recognizes the historical struggle for independence and freedom of the Mexican people and requests that the President issue a proclamation recognizing that struggle and calling upon the people of the United States to observe Cinco de Mayo with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

### **Background**

The Cinco de Mayo holiday commemorates May 5, 1862, the date on which the Battle of Puebla was fought by Mexicans who were struggling for their independence and freedom. Cinco de Mayo is not only the commemoration of the rout of the French troops at the town of Puebla in Mexico, but is also a celebration of the virtues of individual courage and patriotism of all Mexicans and Mexican-Americans who have fought for freedom and independence against foreign aggressors.

### **Cost**

CBO has not scored this legislation.

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